



Grade 7 English Newsletter

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This newsletter aims to keep both the parents and students more informed about all the material that will be covered during this year (2025-2026), so you will know as a parent what to expect from the English teacher, and what is expected from the students.

As you know, our English classes target various skills throughout several books, which we will briefly discuss below.

1. Students books:

Students have 3 books for this year: Student book, Workbook, Successful Writing book. The student book would mostly be kept with the student, as for the remaining books, we prefer that students leave them in the classroom unless they have a homework or assessment related to one of them, then they can take it home.

- For each semester students will need one classwork and copybook.
- Kindly note that **classwork notebook** should always be with the students in their bags.

2. Comprehension:

To strengthen students' comprehension skills in preparation for next year's Checkpoint exam, they are expected to complete one comprehension past paper at home each week. The answers will then be reviewed together with the teacher in class.

The past papers are assembled in a Comprehension Booklet handed to students in class.

3. Grammar:

During this year, students will study various grammar topics and will be able to practice each topic through worksheets. Worksheets will be used to check students' progression, therefore, students are advised to study every new material once it is covered by the teacher.

4. Writing:

Students will be introduced to different writing topics and will be given a practice on each topic in the classroom.

5. Listening:

Students will take several listening assessments throughout the semester. All the listening assessments are summative (graded).

6. Speaking:

The approach of doing speaking assessments would be different, as the students will not need to prepare at home. Students will be given the speaking topic in class, they will be given enough time to prepare ideas and after that they are given the chance to speak and present in front of the class all in the same day.

7. Novel:

Students have received 2 novels alongside the English books. One novel will be the home reader (A Tale of Two Cities) - students will read on their own at

home certain chapters every month in which they will be assessed throughout the scholastic year. As for the other novel “ Wuthering Heights”, each week students will be assigned what chapters they should read at home (on google classroom), then we will discuss and analyze them during class. Students should expect to be evaluated through short quizzes in class based only on their reading and general understanding. **Therefore, it is essential that your child should read before coming to school as there will be no time for them to read in class.**

8. Grades and Assessments:

For **regular assessments**, after finishing any grammar or writing topic, students will take two tests related to the topic, (Formative and Summative). **The formative assessment** is a test to check their understanding of the topic, and will be made during class upon finishing the topic, and therefore it is not graded. As for the **Summative assessment**, it takes place after the students get back their formative feedback, and students will be informed of the test ahead of time and therefore it is graded.

As for the grades, the total mark of the English subject for each semester is 100, divided as following:

- **First Month:** Separate quizzes will be conducted after each topic to assess the four skills. The combined score for all four skills will be calculated out of 20 marks. Additionally, 10 marks will be allocated each month for participation and behavior.
- **The Midterm Exam:** will include the 4 skills: reading comprehension, writing, listening and speaking. All the grades of those skills will be added together and calculated out of 20 marks for the 2nd month grade.
- **Third Month:** Separate quizzes will be conducted after each topic to assess the four skills. The combined score for all four skills will be

calculated out of 20 marks. Additionally, 10 marks will be allocated each month for participation and behavior. Active students and hard workers can collect extra marks when they get a Bonus.

- The **final assessment**: also the results of regular summative assessments covering all four skills, and the grade is out of 40

Important notes:

1. Please note that any assessment and homework will be assigned on **LMS**.
2. The material, study slides and worksheets of each topic will also be uploaded as a reference on **LMS Resources** as soon as the topic is fully covered in class.
3. Please note that any behavioral or negligence issues regarding a student such as missed homework, or not having the book more than once, the parents will be directly notified **through LMS**.
4. Therefore, please note that in case any parent needs to contact or inform the teacher of anything, they should do so by sending the teacher or taking an appointment through the administration.

We hope this newsletter has answered most of your inquiries regarding the English subject, and has given you a clearer insight into what and how students work in the English classroom, knowing that our cooperation as parents and teachers is a key element in achieving great results.

Don't expect the results without the work. “The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary.”

Best of luck!